

Promising Pioneering Goes On

New World Archaeological Foundation
Engaged In Book Of Mormon
Archaeological Pioneering In Mexico

A work of fine pioneering pattern is being undertaken by a local organization interested in the Book of Mormon lands.

Drawing such men to it as Dr. Alfred V. Kidder, former head of the Archaeological work of Carnegie Foundation, the New World Archaeological Foundation, incorporated in 1952 in Oakland, has already made notable discoveries in its first year of preliminary and reconnaissance work in southern Mexico. High are the antiquities of the foundation's officers and many of its preliminary and reconnaissance work in southern Mexico. High are the antiquities of the foundation's officers and many of its preliminary and reconnaissance work in southern Mexico. High are the antiquities of the foundation's officers and many of its preliminary and reconnaissance work in southern Mexico.

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The rainy season having set in late May, the expedition will now prepare for intensive digging in the fall of 1953 on the locations near the sites now selected near the Grijalva River as probably Zarahemla land-terrain. The sound financial standing of the Foundation will make possible early and well-equipped excavation work as soon as weather conditions permit, thanks to many donors.

Berkeley's LDS - UC Institute

Rose From Early Deseret Club

The curtain rises in September, 1953. The place: Gospel Message Hall, Berkeley, Calif. The event: Suggestion that an LDS Deseret Club be needed for the students attending the University of California.

First Officers. Officers installed in a meeting of a newly formed Deseret Club in the lounge of the Berkeley Chapel, Oct. 5, 1953: Eva Casto Pinkerton, president; Mark Richards and Dudley Graves, counselors.

Advisors. Bishop Alma D. Erickson and Isaac B. Ball. Membership. From the 100 LDS students in the University of California, 80 were numbered in the early Deseret Club and about 50 actively participated.

In the early 1940's the Deseret Club was revived in the form of weekly luncheon hour meetings for Latter-day Saint students at the UC. Luncheons were brought by members and eaten together in the Wesley Foundation building on Bancroft Way.

Each meeting featured a discussion led by Isaac B. Ball, who was waited upon by a committee and urged to undertake this service.

A committee to campaign for a local LDS Institute was set up at this time. Correspondence was carried on by the Church Department of Education and Dr. Frank West, director of that department came down and was to year.

Mormon Chorus Sings Itself Into Many Hearty Accolades

Robert Sant, organizer and bass soloist, Carlton Briggs, pianist, Neil Macdonald, chorister, organist and inspirational leader, W. Aird MacDonald, alto, state president and encourager, and I. B. Ball, local LDS "missionary of the air" for whose program the Mormon Male Chorus was first organized in 1933, these and from 20 to 30 members, lovers of group singing, were key figures in the historic debut of the Mormon Male Chorus, East Bay's leading LDS singing organization.

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And by the way, this first Messenger of January, 1931, 23 pages, 40 cent, contained ads which you will find in the present Messenger, July 1953. They are: Stout's Tire Service, Harold B. Jensen, insurance broker; Don J. Alphin, a book.

Latter-day Saint Business Men Pioneer The Liahona Club In Bay Area

A distinctly modern move was the launching of the new movement called the Liahona Club. LDS business men were banded together.

Organized in August, 1945, at the suggestion of William H. Evans, Sam Scott, Elmo Smith, Herb Van Nooy and Fred Weidner, all of Diamond Ward, immediately joined into the labor of perfecting a constitution and by-laws.

Among the first projects fostered by the Liahona Club was the revival of the Stake Messenger as an organ of spirituality, friendship and mutual helpfulness among the people of the Church who here are relatively new.

The first officers elected were: Sam S. Scott, president; William H. Evans, vice-president; Don J. Alphin, treasurer; Eugene S. Hill, secretary.

Presidents of the Liahona Club to date have included besides Sam S. Scott, William H. Evans, Robert L. Kenner, who was the second director, June, 1950. He continues in that position until the end of the year.

Of about 300 LDS students attending the University of California from year to year somewhat more than half that number participate in the Institute's activities and classes.

Alpha and Gamma chapters of the Church school fraternity and sorority of Lambda Theta Sigma are busily functioning from year to year.

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John Eagar Pioneered On The Ship Brooklyn

By MRS. JERRY LARSEN. Of the fine people who came aboard the ship in 1948 on the good ship "Brooklyn," most of the acclaim should be given to those who forsook the gold and green fields of California and who came to the beckoning of the Pioneer Brigham Young. Such a man was young John Eagar, who left his mother and family behind to join the Saints in Utah. He was a printer and set type for Sam Brannon's first newspaper, The Liahona Club, before he left for Utah.

The prize offered by the Liahona Club is a \$25 order of basic Church books, it was announced.

After arriving in Utah, young John met and married the daughter of the late John H. Eagar, poet and church leader. They were sent to settle in the Mantia area and there his family was welcomed. At a very early age, John passed away leaving a fine young family of boys and girls.

His eldest, John Thomas Eagar, was called to help his father in the Eastern Arizona territory. He has left the Eagar name to the ex-territory of Eagar, Arizona.

5-STAKE BALL SET JULY 24

Berkeley, Oakland, Palo Alto, San Francisco and Santa Rosa Stakes are joining in a grand night of dancing and floor show, Friday, July 24, at the palatial Richmond Civic auditorium.

Murray Peterson's 12-piece orchestra has been engaged. During intermission time, a floor show of exhibition square dances and some round dance mixers will be presented.

Pioneer and western style costumes will be appropriate and are urged upon all who attend. Admission has been held to \$1.00 per person.

This grand season's five stakes pleasure night was planned as a result of the May 23 Bay Area District Dance Festival in the Oakland high school where over 150 dancers from five stakes participated in a beautiful show. The young people of the whole Bay Area are afforded the opportunity to mingle and get better acquainted.

"Messenger Circulation to Increase" declared a heading in the Messenger of December 1937. It stated that "Commencing with the January 1938 issue, a new method of circulation will be inaugurated which is expected to practically double the present circulation. Instead of distribution in the past at fast services for the stake, the Messenger copies will be mailed to each home."

This early Messenger was a four-pager, the page size being 10 1/2 inches by 15 inches; thus it was published in 1942. In 1946 the Messenger appeared again but this time as a five-column tabloid on newspaper.

Lately it has grown to a seven-column newspaper size, the page size being 15x22.

A fervent appeal comes to the Messenger from the Brigham Young University Service's Committee to help them contact certain students to the time it is this active committee at the "Y" seeks immediately to learn the names and addresses of service men who once attended the Brigham Young University.

Will you who read this appeal send these exact names and addresses to the "Service Men Pioneer," Station 1, Box 2, Provo, Utah.

The BYU Committee already is sending their monthly letters to the school papers of the University and other interesting and inspiring material. Last Christmas they also sent books containing cake recipes and candy.

All this cheers the boys away from home and causes them to feel still a part of things.

Seek Arresting Items About Your Ancestors

Two pleasant rewards in store for seekers after their kindred are the new book, "The Old World," published by the Central American Archaeological Institute.

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Northern California Mission Headquarters Completes Four Years' Service

LITERARY PIONEERING
Popular Books
Penned By Local LDS Authors

Dr. Eugene Hill of Oakland Stake and Thomas Stuart Ferguson of Berkeley Stake are authors of popular books published by recognized book concerns and currently selling in good numbers.

Elder Hill is the former president of Oakland Stake and recently honorably released from the British Mission. He also is a retired Oakland Stake principal and is a patriarch in Oakland Stake.

Trained in the social sciences by study and by teaching experience, he has endeavored to fill a felt need for successful textbooks in this field for the high school and junior college levels. In 1933 he authored the New World, and Yesterday, and in 1937 he won a \$3000 prize for a two-volume set, Vol. I, being "Problems of the New World," and Vol. II, "The Foundations of Freedom," was issued in 1951 by the Pageant Press of New York.

These books are used by hundreds of high school and college classes over the nation from coast to coast.

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Initiated at the suggestion of a number of businessmen who desire to sponsor young people to college, the program will be carried out at BYU by W. Cleon Skousen, director of alumni and public services.

Patrons Present Certificates. The certificates are made up by the university and personally presented to the student by the sponsoring patron. The patron then deposits \$160—the cost of an entire year's tuition at BYU—into the fund.

The church has made a concentrated effort through the years to keep tuition at BYU as low as possible. The present tuition rate is far below the amount required in most private universities throughout the country.

Wards and branches are urged to encourage young people who have carefully followed the program

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OAKLAND STAKE NEWS

Oakland Stake Softball Goes Into Stiff Finals

By Harvey Hansen
Oakland Stake Athletic Director
The nine awards of Oakland Stake were divided for the softball tournament into two leagues because of the great level required of the state. The east part of the state was called the "Americans" while the west was called the "National" League.
Each of the two leagues played until each league determined its winning team. These two sectional winning teams met in contest games to decide the Oakland Stake Softball Champion.
Finally the stake winning team is eligible to play in the California district 12 tournament August 7, 8, and 9, at the

CAMPING EXCITEMENT GROWS IN OAKLAND STAKE GROUPS

The Bee Hive and MIA Maid girls of Oakland are anticipating an outstanding camping experience the week of August 24. The girls of the Oakland Stake are enjoying the excellent leadership of Sister Rhea Gustavson of Alameda. The place, Cazadero Redwood Camp, plans are being made in detail so there will be no time for homesickness and no dull moments. All eligible girls should plan to enjoy this fun week.

The Gleasers and M Men are now making plans for their annual Marin picnic. This year they have invited the Gleasers and M Men from the four surrounding stakes to join them in this activity.

Summer MIA Going Strong
Such summer activities, together with the individual ward functions have been most successful in the Oakland Stake this season. The MIA girls are having a picnic on August 24. The girls are making every effort to keep our young people Mutual-minded.

Note to Mutual Workers:
Plan to attend regularly the monthly Stake Leadership meetings, and receive not only the necessary enthusiasm and the spirit of this wonderful Mutual program.

Centerville Branch
"Can You Sleep If The Wind Blows"

By Marie Lindsay and Jennette McCasters
The Robert Payne, Stake Patriarch in his talk for our sacrament service June 28th, "In other words," he continued, "have we made all the preparations so that we could remain at peace during a storm in our lives." Other speakers during the month at our sacrament services include: Bro. Dunne of the High Council, George Balding and Brother Eaton, all on subjects in connection with the Melchizedek priesthood. On July 5th special heads of our Primary, Mutual, and Relief Societies were the speakers: Karrell Pugmire, Isabel Ockerson, and Marie Lindsay.

Our Mutual girls have stepped out in front again, Isabel Ockerson who represented their group was presented the L. D. S. achievement award trophy for the highest attendance and activity record at church for one week in August they will relax at a camp on the Russian River. Already \$50.00 was netted in food to finance the trip.

New Primary Teacher
Newly sustained Primary teachers are Fay Gibson, Fred Eaton, Grace Blazin, and Laverne Robertson as assistant pianist. Relieved were Anita Bodily and Rose Winkel of Relief Society. Wilma Steadman and Laverne Robertson were sustained in their stead.

Confirmation and Baptism
Andrew R. Blaxton and daughter, Claudia Ruth Blaxton July 5. Bros. Lyons and Cook were our Sacramento meeting speakers on July 12th and St. L. Fern Robertson rendered a piano solo "Consolation" by Mendelssohn.

Relief Society Sewing Day
Our Relief Society for July was held at the Newark Auditorium. Most interesting demonstration in

hooked rug making was given by Thelma Anderson.

Annie Nelson and Artie Green, instructed in the making of plastic jackets for children. A good deal of work in finishing the jackets, making aprons, etc. was taken home by the ladies for a bazaar and Variety Night in September. A delicious potluck lunch was served. For our next sewing day, August 12th a bazaar shower will be the order of the day.

The officers and visiting teachers of the Relief Society were entertained at a luncheon by the Presidency of Relief Society at the home of Marie Lindsay on July 10th.

Coming events: Two more skating parties at San Leandro rink on August 25th and September 2nd. Ballroom dancing class at Hayward on August 11.

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Martinez Ward News
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ACTIVITY INDEX FOR JUNE

	Goal	June 1953	June 1952
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2. Atonic Pr. Mtg. Attendance:			
a. Junior Atonic	75%	45%	44%
b. Senior Atonic	73%	17%	18%
3. Ward Teaching	100%	62%	67%
4. Fast Offering (per month)	50c	14c	28c
5. Social Activity	1	2	

Softball Final Games Set, 7 & 8 Will Reveal North Calif. Champs

By L. Jensen of Walnut Creek Dist. 12 Sports Director

Throughout the past two weeks, many boys have been playing softball in their respective stakes in the gigantic softball program of the church and the time draws near for a divisional playoff, to determine a winner of district 12, which includes Reno as well as all Northern California.

The teams who have won their respective Stake schedules will again be at Oakland on August 7 and 8, for divisional playoff.

The Playoff
The location of the diamond is Garfield field at 23rd Avenue and Foothill Blvd., Oakland. Beginning at 8 p. m., the games are free and it is hoped that many members of the stake will be on hand to watch the playoff series and encourage their favorite players.

The winner of Divisional 12 playoff will participate in the Church playoff in Salt Lake City on August 18, 19, 20, 21, 22.

The all church golf playoff will be held at the same time on July 27, 28, 29. Participation in this event is on an individual basis by men who can qualify and have their vacation at the same time. This athletic program is gaining in strength in the church athletic program.

Harvey Hansen, Oakland Stake athletic director, reports that Oakland Stake's contestant in the Order golf tournament will again be Bob Leone of Hayward. This excellent athlete was runner-up at the Ogden fairways last year and brought home the awards given for that distinction. He is a former major league baseball player.

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East Bay Folks Move To Livermore

The warmish days in Livermore this summer are seeing more and more young Bay Area families move to Livermore. The large atomic energy laboratory there is calling them.

A visit to that population-doubling city of eastern Alameda County on Sunday, July 19, by Edward Cox and I. B. Ball of Berkeley First and Mrs. Florence Nelson of Claremont Ward found Mr. and Mrs. Dale Nielsen (the former Irma Cox) and three children sweating out the 90 to 95 degree temperature in Livermore, yet exploring the possibilities of purchasing a home in nearby but cooler Pleasanton.

Dale returned to his work at the radiation laboratory in Livermore in late July after a six-month absence caused by a battle with tuberculosis. His weight and appearance are said to excel conditions for several preceding years.

The Nielsens are active in the Livermore Branch. David Cummings and Lola Niel-

sen Cummings who with the Dale Nielsens came from Berkeley First, are living and busy in Livermore where David is employed at the atomic energy laboratory in his electrical engineering field of work. The Cummings are very busy in ward and stake church duties.

Russell and Hazel Ball purchased in July a new home in Livermore where Russell has been stationed for the past several months by the atomic energy commission. Russell drove his family (Mrs. Price, Keith and Judy) to Logan, Utah, in July where they and the children visited with Russell's parents for ten days. Russell then went on assignment to Washington, D. C., and Oak Ridge, and back to Logan to drive the family home again to their Albany home. They probably will move in August to Livermore.

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SAN FRANCISCO STAKE NEWS

Pioneer-Day Parade Featured Large Covered Wagons, Loaded Handcarts

By Vivian B. Nott
President, S.F. Stake Primary

The attendance and participation in the Pioneer Parade at the Stakehouse on July 24 was very gratifying to the Stake Primary. The parade was sponsored by the Board who sponsored the affair. Those celebrating gathered at eleven o'clock and all ate lunch together. At twelve-thirty the formation for the parade was begun. There were many replicas of covered wagons and handcarts. More interest than ever was evidenced this year by the crowds entered, all of which were carried by children.

After the police-escorted trek through the streets of San Francisco, the parade was in true pioneer style and fashion in the amusement hall. Special thanks this year goes to Sister

Virginia Pearson, first counselor to Sister Vivian Nott, for all of the arrangements.

Primary children baptized and confirmed members of our church July 19 were Larry Keeler and Richard Gyllenskov in San Francisco Ward. Richard's mother has also joined our church.

Our Primary High Councilman, Frank E. Young, and his wife, Gertrude, our Children's Friend representative, have moved to Salt Lake City as has June Noyes with her family. June was our Seagull Leader. Verne McDonald who had charge of Bluebirds has moved to Palo Alto. We express our appreciation for all the help these people have given us.

Bishop's Message:
Can one make up a whole year and a half? I speak of tithing. The Lord has asked one tenth of our interest annually as a tithe of his people. Tithing becomes a mere contribution. We urge all of our saints to consider their standing in the keeping of this commandment.

Summer primary has been a huge success. Children await anxiously each Thursday, 65 attending the zoo trip. Lots of activity at MIA! Wweeiee riast at San Bruno Park June 27. Overnight camping trip July 10 at San Mateo Memorial Park. Every child had so much fun they hope to have another one in August.

Skating party was held July 15. Come to MIA and get in on all the fun! Ardith Yost is helping the MIA with their music during the summer. Rodney Austin, one of our fine Scouts, attended the National Scout Jamboree in July.

Sunday evening, July 12 was devoted to the girls' program and 12 girls were presented to the bishop by W.Y.M.I.A. president Valere Wegner to receive their individual awards. The girls were: Alice Jensen, Joan E. Smith, Pearl Buckley, Patricia Georson, Joy Logan, Marilyn Young, Margo Parker, Carol Nielson, Carol Stewart, Carolyn Wilson, Carol Civiello, Judith Peterson. Two leaders who also received awards were Valere Wegner and Dorothy Griffith. Sunset MIA, 8th combined with ours on July 8th for an Hawaiian dance jamboree. The 200 who attended were led. A skating party was held July 22.

Mutual is at present working on a plan to take girls to the Pioneer Day parade. The Pioneer Day parade is a very important event for our children.

Scout leader Col. Lear and four of our scouts, Courtland Stewart, Reed Gaudin, Larry Gaisford and Fred Rentschler have gone to Santa Anita for the summer. Parents helped with the finances but two boys were sent largely by work done by Scout troop in selling doughnuts and waste paper. While these boys are at the Jamboree, seven others of the group are at Camp Rowan along the Russian River. Several of the boys took steps to advance in rank at a board of review conducted by Ed Howard on July 13th.

Salt Lake Scouts Stop Here
About 40 scouts from Salt Lake passing through San Francisco July 12th on way to the jamboree visited our priesthood meeting and sacrament service. A picnic and visit to the Zoo was enjoyed by 25 Primary children and parents July 16th.

BEST WISHES
Best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to Marie Hendershot and Blodwen Davis who have recently been ill in the hospital. Best wishes also to Wilbur Moulton who has left our ward to take up residence in San Francisco with his bride.

Bishop's Message
Living in a metropolitan area our lives are somewhat confined to the activities of city life. Our families grow up without having one of the important lessons of nature, that of planting, nurturing and harvesting. Too often we fail to emphasize the significance of God's example in the great outdoors. Let us have the children upon the earth. We should learn the lesson, that if a harvest is to be expected, there must be a time for planting; that if a crop is to be matured it must be

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The Church's Summer Season's Program Through MIA and Primary

As a joyous dedication to the divine plan of human redemption and of holy exaltation will ever remain the foundation motive of all Church-sponsored activities, yet the full development of our many-sided personalities calls for a wide program of Church-sponsored sport, dancing, music, drama and outings.

The summer season among Latter-day Saints and their young people's auxiliaries differs in many respects from those of many of other Church groups. While in some Protestant bodies such organizations as Sunday schools are suspended during the summer vacation months, the Latter-day Saints continue the Sabbath school in full form all the year around, and add to it for the warm months an open season of sponsored and directed sports, dances, confests and outings, thru Primary, Scouting and Mutual summer programs. Primary continues its regular class lessons every month of the year.

A perusal of the printed manual of the MIA, particularly those sections of the manual devoted to summer programs is an enlightening experience, especially for busy parents and others who may not have regular duties at present with the direction of these various open-season activities.

One comes away from such a perusal of our auxiliary's manuals with a feeling of amazement at the scope and variety of the 12-month programs. And to those feelings of amazement come added sentiments of profound gratitude for this "marvelous work and plan" of the Gospel of the life more abundant which extends its holy and enlightening influence into every avenue of human activity and uplifts and enables our recreations as well as our worship.

On The Bookshelf

By WARD H. FORMAN, Berkeley First Ward.

This is the first of a series of articles about LDS books. I sincerely hoped that this and future articles will stimulate the members of the church to read more LDS literature.

This writer had visited many homes in the capacity of an LDS book dealer and has often asked the question "Have you read The Book of Mormon from cover to cover and understood it?" The reply has so often been "I've started but never finished" or "I've read it but I don't understand it." Now we have a new book, "Book of Mormon Commentary," Vol. I, which covers the first 11 chapters of the book. It really makes the B. of M. "come alive!" No longer is the reader left in doubt as to various interpretations of passages. The commentary follows along with the text and one is amazed at the enjoyment gained from reading this volume by Elder Ricks of the Brigham Young University.

Sample Excerpt

Here is an excerpt taken from this volume dealing with the "great and spacious building" which Lehi's dream. "The pride and vain imaginations of men (23:18). By extension, it stands for the mockery and ridicule of the world's generation needs to be reminded that scoffers are far from the kingdom of God. And it stood as it were in the air, and in the midst of the earth. Dr. Hugh Nibley observes one is reminded by Lehi's imagery of the great stone houses of the ancient Arabs, which were built with windows beginning 50 feet from the ground; at night these would certainly give the effect of being suspended above the earth."

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U. S. Destiny To Prepare Men For Lord's Coming

In a powerful address before a joint meeting of Berkeley First and Second Wards, Lt. Col. Leo R. Jensen of the San Francisco high school outlined America's destiny. He said that the United States of America was created by our Heavenly Father to prepare the world for the second coming of Christ in an identical fashion to the raising up of Israel as a medium to insure the success of the Lord's mission in his earthly advent.

Longwinded Speakers

A speaker who doesn't strike off after the first 10 minutes had better stop baring his audience.

Shall Utah Lead-Lose

Sea Gulls To Colorado

On July 10 the Desert News printed a story of Colorado's present grasshopper plague and how Utah might help her sister state. The story read as follows:

Son, Wallace E. Bennett and Son, Eugene Miliken (R-Colo.) recently discussed the possibility of lead-losing Utah sea gulls to Colorado grasshoppers. A sea gull, which lives in the first Mormon grain crop from destruction by crickets in 1848, would be able to help to Colorado's crisis.

"Pick up your grasshoppers and send them to Salt Lake City," Sen. Bennett agreed and then pulled the worst pun of the century. He pointed out that "good Mormon sea gulls, like good Mormon men, will eat anything to get something to eat, and I don't think we have anything to do with tobacco, so maybe they'd object to going to Baco county."

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Book of Mormon News and Views

Is there a need for the Book of Mormon in the present day? The answer is a resounding "Yes." We Mormons often refer to the condition of religious confusion which existed a hundred years ago when Joseph Smith was a boy. It appears that the general situation is as confused and mixed up today as it was in 1820. A new book has just been published entitled, "The Private Lives of the Prophets," written by Brooks P. Church. This book deals with the prophets of the old testament. It was reviewed in the book section of the Oakland Tribune, Sunday, July 19, 1953. A quotation from the book is given as follows: "... and this cannot be too often repeated, the prophets were not and should not be seers and soothsayers; they did not look into the future. They were preachers and reformers, dealing with current events and preaching for their contemporaries."

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GOINGS AND COMINGS

Marines Ward: Vacationers in the Martinez Ward include the Kenneth Skidmore, Gordon Arnes, Grant Shaw and Oscar Hipwells, all of whom went to Utah. The Stevens visited relatives in Idaho. Bishop Raymond Evenson attended leadership meeting at the BYU. Burton W. Muser of Salt Lake City is a house guest of Dr. Leo Muser. Bro. and Sis. Dew of Brigham City were recent visitors at the Werner Vorn Dorn home.

Balboa Second Ward: Belva Sullivan has been away for the summer. The Elwood Roberts family are vacationing in Utah. The Vernal Kenners took a trip to Yosemite. Ruth and Johnnie Johnson spent a week end up on the Russian river. The Kenneds will vacation in Salt Lake City. We are happy to have the Wilford Lindmans back with us in our own home. The Wilfords will be operated on while in SLC, so their return was delayed.

Centerville: Myrtle and Jay Jibson and family have returned from an enjoyable trip to their childhood homes in Idaho. They returned with a lot of new ideas and a new perspective on life. George, Isabelle and Ruby Borge are vacationing in Utah, as are the families of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kearns. Mrs. Kearns' mother and niece returned with them for the summer.

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Wedding Bells

Oakland Fourth: On July 8, Sterling Nicolay and Vivian Williams were married in Logan temple. Their honeymoon was in the mountains of the Northwest and Canada. A lovely reception was held in the Alameda Ward chapel July 20. The bride was Miss Nicolay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Nicolay, sister, Norma Williams, and Ruth Thomas.

San Leandro Ward: Everyone is talking about the very lovely Joy Winter, whose engagement to Don Grimes was announced by her parents, the Henry Don Winters, at a party recently in their San Leandro home. Don is the son of Sister Lou Schmitt formerly of San Leandro Ward, but recently moved to Hayward. Joy and Don will be married next June, at which time Don will have completed his music course at the BYU. In the meantime, Joy will be making plans for a trip to the Salt Lake temple for the marriage ceremony.

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Liahona Campsite Scene of Activity

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Log-of-the-Way To Liahona Playland In Sonora Playland

Drive east on U. S. Highway 50 from Oakland, thru Castro Valley to Manicita, to San Joaquin river bridge; quarter mile east of bridge is fork in road. Take Highway 120 to Escalon, to Oakdale; 26 miles past Oakdale Highway 120 becomes 108, and 10 miles further is Sonora. Proceed 31.1 miles to Pincrest road turn in. Proceed 20.9 miles to fork in road. Here leave Highway 108.

At this point turn left up Clark's Fork (see our Liahona camp sign at this fork in the road).

Drive up Clark's Fork 5.1 miles and turn left into road marked by our sign: Liahona campsite. Proceed 1/2 mile to Liahona Lodge.

On Catalina, The Mantion is located on New York and points East. Norma Williams is working at Lake Tahoe for the summer. We know there are others. We would like to mention all.

Oakland Stake: The Hal Hansen of San Leandro visited in Oregon. Ruby Oster and family went to Spokane, Washington, visiting Ruby's sister.

The Ralph Lanes of Alameda enjoyed New York City and the surrounding area. The Lanes are visiting the temple and while there went to the temple and were sealed to Mary, Margaret, and David.

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BERKELEY STAKE NEWS

Berkeley Stake Calendar
August

Thursday, 6—Berkeley Stake Leadership meeting, Berkeley chapel, 7:30 p.m.
 Monday, 11—Stake Explorers - MIA Maid Summer
 Saturday, 15—Stake Priesthood meeting, Berkeley chapel, 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday, 17—No Leadership this date
 Saturday, 21—M Men-Gleaner Ball
 Saturday, 21—Jr. M Men and Jr. Gleaner Party
 Sunday, 29—Berkeley Stake Quarterly Conference, 10 a.m.
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September

Thursday, 3—Stake Family night, Berkeley chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Berkeley Stake's
Blood Bank

Adopts New Plan

By Elmo Carr

New plan regarding the Stake's blood bank has been approved which if accepted by the priesthood, will prove more successful and bring results. A specific assignment is to be given each man to an individual quorum of the Melchizedek Priesthood to see that their quorum and wives go in a group to donate to the blood bank. The Fourth Quorum of Elders of the Clermont Ward accepted this responsibility for the month of July.

Donations are being made at the Alameda County Blood Bank, Medical Administration Building, 354 21st Street, Oakland. Appearances must be made in advance by calling Glencourt 2-2346. It is hoped that hospital attendants will be glad to credit it for each man to be made to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Berkeley Stake.

Let's make the program work by creating the needed surplus so that stake members can feel free during times of need to call for it. This is a real opportunity for the priesthood of the Stake to lead in helping those in distress.

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MIA Girls Go To
Camp Cazadero

With Harold Glenn, Berkeley First Ward, as counselor, the boys 8 to 10 of the three Berkeley City wards have established a cub den in each ward, namely, Berkeley First and Second, and Claremont, in den of four to eight boys.

Meeting weekly in the homes under den leaders, these boys gather on the last Monday of each month in a pack meet from the three wards, which includes also the mothers and fathers, in the Berkeley Chapel.

Word comes that cub packs are being formed in the Richmond area and in the east Contra Costa area, including all wards east of the Broadway tunnel.

Guide Patrol For 11-Year Olds
 The Primary Associations of the Church on June 1 took over the first year of scouting. This summer the 11-year old boys are being given the tenderfoot Scout requirements and ready to begin September to begin the first year Scout program.

Program is under the Primary teacher assisted in the daytime hiking by an explorer Scout or other man.

It is a joy to us and to them when couples are able to go to the Temple. We urge all who have not partaken of this blessing as yet to prepare themselves for it. We urge those who have been to the Temple to return again for the spiritual uplift it will give them.

—Joseph Roy Hilton, Bishop.

Congratulations to Jim and Lela Kaufman who have gone to Logan Temple to take out their endowments. July 16th was the day planned. They are also visiting relatives and will return the last of July. Netta Peacock journeyed with them to Utah to visit relatives.

Those from our Ward that attended June MIA conference in Salt Lake City enjoyed the spirit of the grand program were Irene Buskirk, president; Ardith Steger, secretary; Verla Hoig, Stake special interest leader; Irene Raker, Stake counselor; Dorothy Matthews, Stake bookkeeper; Irene, Nona, Ardith and Dorothy.

Bishop Hilton vacationed in Lake county with his family for two July weeks.

The construction shack is now completed for our chapel, now is the time to literally "get your shoulder to the wheel." Men, you will be contacted shortly for work assignments.

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Martinez Ward
DUP Pockets Are
Again With Us

The bishopric of your ward is taking this opportunity to let you know how we are doing on some of the important functions that come under their direction. It is hoped that we can present these data each month in the Messenger and that through the combined efforts of all ward members we can reach our goals.

Primary Children
 Primary children worked enthusiastically for the parade for the Diamond Jubilee celebration at the Church on June 15. Many floats carried out the circus theme.

Rhythm band, flag carriers and circus characters were there. Patricia Puckett replaces N. Fuller as second counselor to the Primary. Crafts are stressed this summer.

Relief Society
 The monthly social was held at the home of Genevieve James. Thirty-two women were present, including three stake members, Mary Dunham, Nels Lundberg, and Mildred Gibbs, and also Bessie Danie of Pittsburg. Elizabeth Knowles of Martinez Ward is a new member of the stake board.

The Puckett's Welcomed
 The Eldon Puckett has been welcomed back into the ward. Edon was sustained Ward Clerk in place of John Carlson, released because of ill health.

Eleven families were represented at the week end outing at Calaveras Big Trees. Jerry Hult is now stationed in Norman, Oklahoma with the U. S. Army, and Leonard Carter has been released from the U. S. Navy.

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Berkeley First
DUP Presents
Interesting Program

The DUP presented an outstanding program at the DUP meeting Sunday evening, July 26.

Rose Marie Dunham, daughter of Scott and Mary Dunham, has accepted employment at the air base at Hill's Field, Utah, between Clearfield and Ogden. We learn her new mailing address is 187 East 1000 South, Clearfield, Utah.

The I. B. Balls entertained a group of retired teachers on Friday, July 23rd birthday anniversary, July 17. These friends had taught school at Berkeley's Junior high where "IB" taught there before his retirement in 1946. Mrs. Ball's lemon pie, as readily well known to the group, was the occasion of many compliments.

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Col. Jensen told of personally overseeing radio and telephone communication between Gen. Van Fleet then in Japan, and Gen. Swing of the 6th Army at the San Francisco Presidio. He heard Gen. Van Fleet close the interview by asking Gen. Swing to remember him in his prayers and Gen. Swing, in turn, asking the same favor of Gen. Van Fleet.

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Berkeley Second
The Brintons Write
From Yellowstone

Milton and Edna Brinton hitched onto their home trailer and headed for Idaho and was in the mountains for several weeks. They have rented a place home until the fall and plan to return to Berkeley in the fall. A postal from Yellowstone indicates they are enjoying plenty of fish while among the geysers.

Russell and Hazel Ball may soon move to Livermore where Russell is now located in the work for the Federal Atomic Energy Commission. They are offering their Albany home for sale.

In mid-July the family drove to Logan where Hazel and the three children visited Hazel's parents and friends while Russell flew to work from Washington, D. C., and Oakridge, Tennessee. They all drove home again in late July.

Cliff Boyack is again in charge of Berkeley's Summer resort to the season. Grace and a half-dozen warders are there keeping Cliff company for the summer. A story on this news is found in Berkeley Stake News.

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